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For: IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO CREDENTIAL TRANSFER METHODS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the abstract as shown on the separate, attached sheet.

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

## IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO CREDENTIAL TRANSFER METHODS

The present invention discloses a credential transfer method for use on a distributed electronic network the method comprising the steps of a sender communicating to a recipient a credential index comprising an index referring to at least one credential, the recipient selecting at least one of the credentials from the index of at least one credential provided by the sender, the recipient communicating to the sender an indication of the selected at least one credential and the sender providing to the recipient at least one credential corresponding to the selected at least one credential. A corresponding method of communication, system and digital credential index are also disclosed.

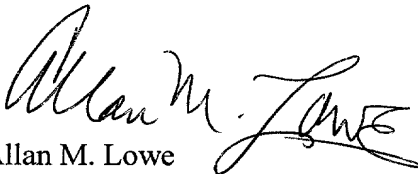
**REMARKS**

The above-identified application is amended to conform to U.S. Patent practices.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Marked-Up Version Showing Changes".

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## Abstract

Improvements in and Relating to Credential Transfer  
Methods

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The present invention discloses a credential transfer method for use on a distributed electronic network [(2),] the method comprising the steps of a sender [(4)] communicating to a recipient [(6)] a credential index [(300)] comprising an index referring to at least one credential [(302),] the recipient [(6)] selecting at least one of the credentials [(302)] from the index [(300)] of at least one credential provided by the sender [(4),] the recipient [(6)] communicating to the sender [(4)] an indication of the selected at least one credential [(302)] and the sender [(4)] providing to the recipient [(6)] at least one credential [(302)] corresponding to the selected at least one credential. A corresponding method of communication, system and digital credential index are also disclosed.

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